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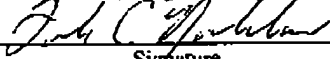
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In re patent application of:

STEVEN M. FRENCH, ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/844,395

Filed: APRIL 27, 2001

Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
DELAYED BOOTING OF A TARGET DEVICE
IN A NETWORK ENVIRONMENT

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 18, 2004

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